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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. A Form PTO-SB/08A listing the references and copies of the cited references accompany this paper. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the form to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record.

Copies of references disclosed in parent application serial number 09/440,106, filed 11/15/1999 (2,590,527, 3,720,433, 3,783,873, 4,049,002, 4,306,561, 4,428,368, 5,437,651, 5,607,421, 5,727,659, 5,782,746, 5,813,410, 5,927,284, WO87/04081, 9004513, WO95/17127, 0 668 058 A1, WO97/10753 and articles by: C Borst, entitled "Regional Cardiac Wall Immunobilization for Open Chest and Closed Chest Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting on the Beating Heart: The 'Octopus' Method," Circulation, (Oct. 15, 1995) vol. 92, No. 8 supplement I, I-177., and C Borst, entitled "Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Without Cardiopulmonary Bypass and Without Interruption of Native Coronary Flow Using a Novel Anastomosis Site Restraining Device ("Octopus"), J Am Coll Cardiol May 1996; vol. 27, No. 6, pp. 1356-1364.) were submitted in that application and as such, copies thereof are not included pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.98(d), except as noted in the Form 1449A/PTO.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned applications: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/318,504 entitled "Surgical Devices for

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Imposing a Negative Pressure to Stabilize Cardiac Tissue During Surgery." A copy of this application is

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made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any

one of the above references constitutes prior art to the present application within the meaning of 35

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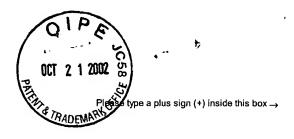
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